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## **King County hypnotherapist suspended eight years for sexual misconduct**

**OLYMPIA** — State health officials suspended the licenses of King County counselor and hypnotherapist Ayhan Yavuz (CCC.60172338 and HYPN.60172567) for at least eight years for sexual misconduct. He had a patient perform various sexual acts during treatment sessions from November to December 2012.

The suspensions complete the legal process that started with the immediate suspension of his licenses in March 2013. Yavuz must go through a complete psycho-sexual evaluation before requesting that his suspensions be lifted.

The documents can be seen online by clicking “[Look up a health care provider](#)” on the [Department of Health website](#). Copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That number can also be used to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

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